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5% WATER RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010

The Asheville City Council approved a 5% increase on the Water Consumption and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Fees. The increase will begin with the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2010.

Water consumption is measured in CCF's, or hundred cubic feet. One CCF is equivalent to 748 gallons. Currently, a single family household pays \$3.59 per CCF. With the 5% increase on water consumption, a single family household will pay \$3.77 per CCF. The rate for multi-family households will increase from \$2.93 to \$3.08 per CCF. Commercial customer fees can be found on the Water Resources Web page at www.ashevillenc.gov/water. The Base Fee on all water accounts will remain the same at \$6.00 per bill.

The Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Fee is used to fund large capital improvement projects, such as water treatment plant upgrades or water line installations. The CIP Fee is calculated based on the customers' meter size. Currently, a single family household with a 5/8" meter pays a monthly fee of \$3.64. With the 5% increase, a single family household with a 5/8" meter will pay a monthly fee of \$3.82. The fee increases as the meter size increases.

Asheville Water Resources Director Steve Shoaf said, "An increase is necessary to keep up with the rising cost of services and for water system maintenance and upgrades. This increase will support the continuing efforts by the City's Water Resources Department to provide the highest quality of water for our community."

For more information, please visit the Water Resources Web page at www.ashevillenc.gov/water.

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